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in
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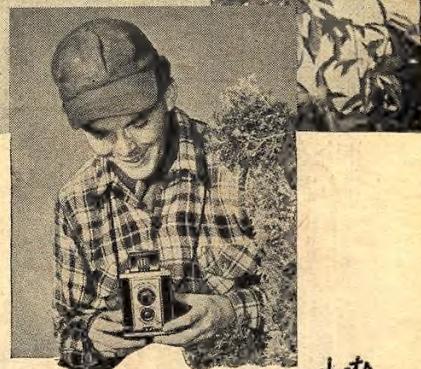
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PENGUINS HAVE NO WINGS, BUT HERE IS ONE THAT CAN FLY...

WELL, DICK... IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE CRIME IS ON THE WING!

I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN—THE PENGUIN'S FLOWN THE COOP AGAIN!



ELSEWHERE, THE PENGUIN IS READING THAT SAME NEWSPAPER...

"PROFESSOR BOYD TO COMPILE BIRD LORE FOR NEW ENCYCLOPEDIA. PUBLISHERS PICK COUNTRY'S MOST NOTED ORNITHOLOGIST AS CONTRIBUTOR..." BAH!

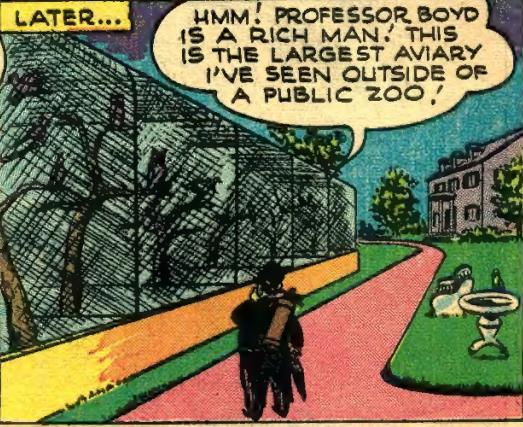


I, THE PENGUIN, AM THE COUNTRY'S LEADING BIRD MAN! IT'S AN INSULT! I'LL HAVE A TALK WITH THIS BOYD BIRD!



LATER...

HMM! PROFESSOR BOYD IS A RICH MAN. THIS IS THE LARGEST AVIARY I'VE SEEN OUTSIDE OF A PUBLIC ZOO!



SIR, I AM THE PENGUIN! I WISH TO DISCUSS MY POSITION IN THE BIRD WORLD AND...

POSITION? OH, YOU'RE ANSWERING MY NEWSPAPER AD FOR AN ASSISTANT?



YES, MR. GUIN... MR. BEN GUIN, YOU SAID, DIDN'T YOU? COME IN, MR. GUIN.

EH?!?



INSIDE THE PROFESSOR'S STUDY...

THE JOB PAYS WELL AND YOU'LL LEARN MUCH ABOUT UNUSUAL BIRDS! AFTER ALL, KNOWLEDGE IS A WAY TO WEALTH.

I AM A RECLUSE! I HAVE NO RADIO, READ NO NEWSPAPERS! HERE IS MY WORLD... MY BELOVED BIRDS AND I!



UNUSUAL BIRDS... RARE KNOWLEDGE... WAY TO WEALTH! A RECLUSE... READS NO NEWSPAPERS? PENGUIN, YOU HAVE FOUND A WAY TO FEATHER YOUR NEST.

ONE WEEK LATER... "... AND THE BELTED KINGFISHER'S RATTLING CALL IS LIKE THE CLICKING OF A FISHING REEL."

MR. GUIN, I TRUST THAT SOME DAY YOU'LL PUT THIS KNOWLEDGE TO GOOD USE.

OH, YES, INDEED!

IN FACT-TONIGHT!

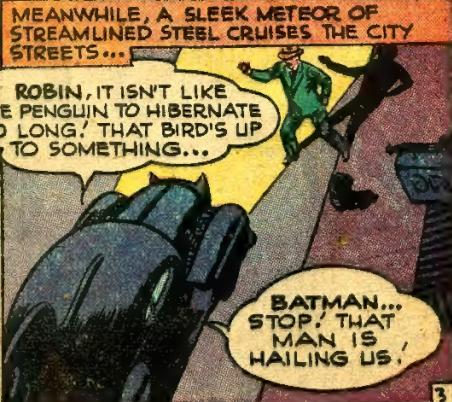


THAT NIGHT...

NOW I'LL BORROW A FEW SPECIMENS FROM THE PROFESSOR'S AVIARY. HE WON'T MISS THEM!

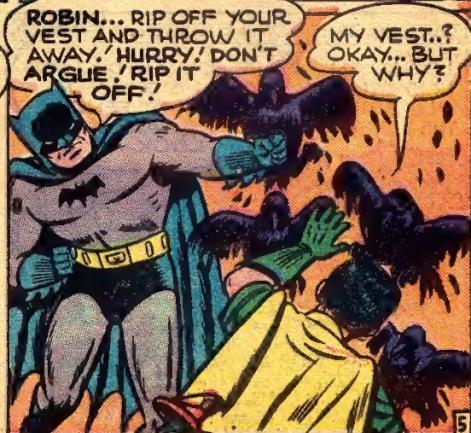
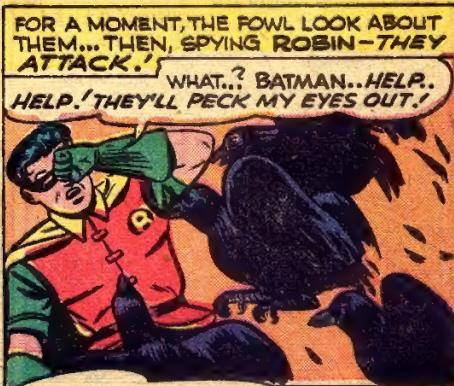
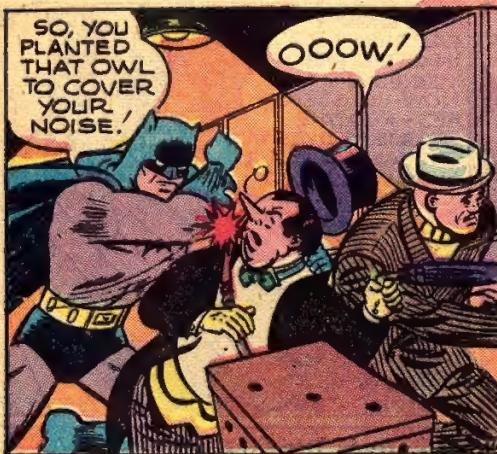
MEANWHILE, A SLEEK METEOR OF STREAMLINED STEEL CRUISES THE CITY STREETS...

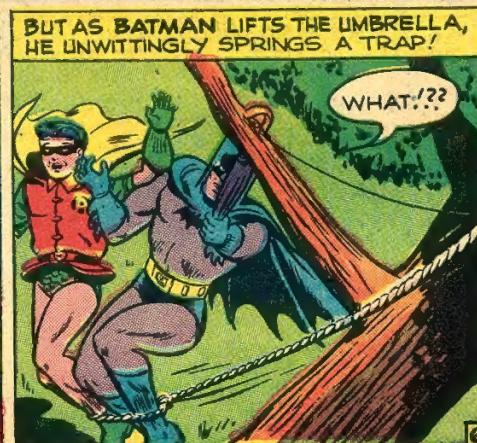
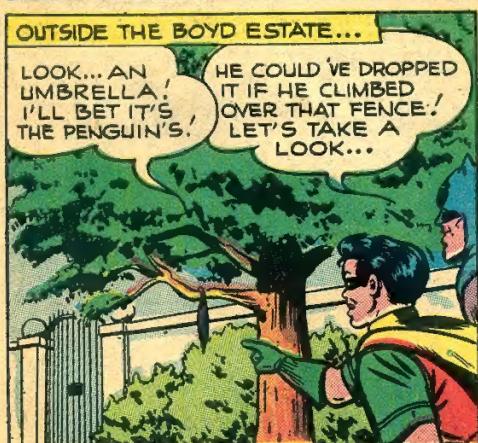
ROBIN, IT ISN'T LIKE THE PENGUIN TO HIBERNATE SO LONG! THAT BIRD'S UP TO SOMETHING...



BATMAN... STOP! THAT MAN IS HAILING US!









TUM TE DUM B
I KNOW YOU'D
TRACE THOSE BIRDS,
SO I SET MY UMBRELLA
BIRD-SNARE... FOR A
BAT AND A ROBIN!
TUM TE DUM ♫

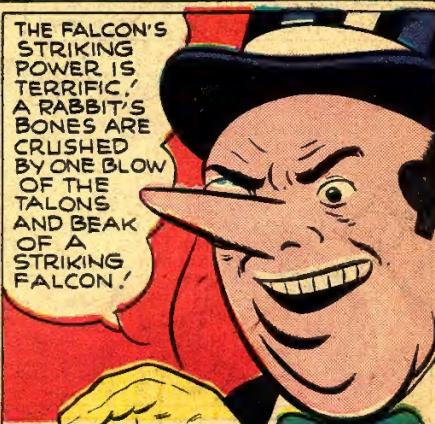
AT THE FOOT OF A NEARBY CLIFF...

WELL, PUDGY, I
SUPPOSE YOU
DREAMED UP
SOMETHING
SPECIAL FOR
US THIS TIME?

NATCH! I PRESUME
YOU'VE SEEN THE
HEADDRESS NATIVES
WEAR TO FOOL
UNWARY BIRDS
THEY'RE STALKING...

UP THIS CLIFF THERE'S A
LARGE FALCON... WHEN THE HUNGRY FALCON
SEES WHAT SEEMS TO BE LIVING
BIRDS ATOP YOUR SKULLS, HE'll
DIVE DOWN AND
ATTACK THEM!

THE FALCON'S
STRIKING
POWER IS
TERRIFIC!
A RABBIT'S
BONES ARE
CRUSHED
BY ONE BLOW
OF THE
TALONS
AND BEAK
OF A
STRIKING
FALCON!

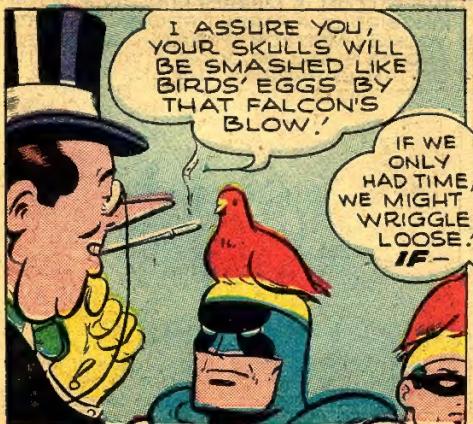


I ASSURE YOU,
YOUR SKULLS WILL
BE SMASHED LIKE
BIRDS' EGGS BY
THAT FALCON'S
BLOW!

IF WE
ONLY
HAD TIME,
WE MIGHT
WRIGGLE
LOOSE!
IF—

ALONE NOW, BATMAN AND ROBIN
AWAIT THE FALCON'S
ATTACK—AND CERTAIN
DEATH...

IF I COULD
JUST REACH
THAT BIRD
NEST.
IF—

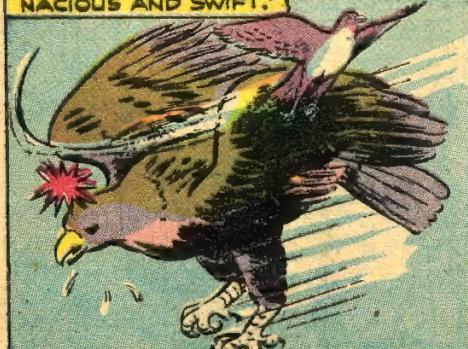




SUDDENLY, A SMALLER BIRD DIVES,
TOWARD THE HUGE BIRD OF PREY.



WHEELING, THE FALCON ZOOMS LIKE A DIVE BOMBER... BUT THE FEARLESS KINGBIRD IS LIKE A SMALL FIGHTER-PLANE, PUGNACIOUS AND SWIFT!



THE FALCON IS MERELY HUNGRY, BUT THE KINGBIRD IS A PARENT PROTECTING ITS YOUNG! WITH DESPERATE COURAGE, AND ITS SMALL BEAK AS A WEAPON, IT, DEFIANTLY HARRIES THE SKY-RAIDER.





...THE ANGRY PECKS AND SWIFT DARTS
FORCE THE FALCON TO FLEE!



MEANWHILE, ANOTHER LITTLE BIRD IS PLOTTING...

PROFESSOR, WE SHOULD HAVE FULL COLOR PICTURES TAKEN OF YOUR GAILY COLORED BIRDS.

YES...YES, INDEED!



SO BOYD PHONES A CAMERA EXECUTIVE...

PROFESSOR, WE'D BE DELIGHTED TO PHOTOGRAPH YOUR BIRDS—IF WE MAY USE THE PICTURES TO ADVERTISE OUR NEW COLOR FILM.



AT THE GATES OF THE CAMERA PLANT...

I'M PROF.
BOYD'S
ASSISTANT!

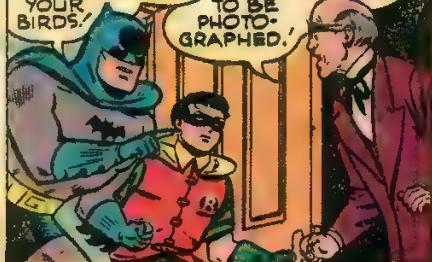
I WAS TOLD
YOU WERE
COMING! DRIVE
RIGHT IN!



LATER... AFTER WRIGGLING FREE OF THE ROPES...

PROF. BOYD, I MUST WARN YOU ABOUT THE PENGUIN. HE'S BEEN STEALING YOUR BIRDS!

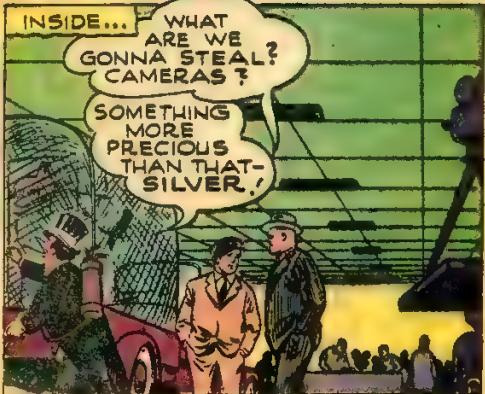
MR. GUIN... MY ASSISTANT? OH, YOU SAW HIM DRIVING MY AVIARY TRUCK? HE'S JUST TAKING THE BIRDS TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED!



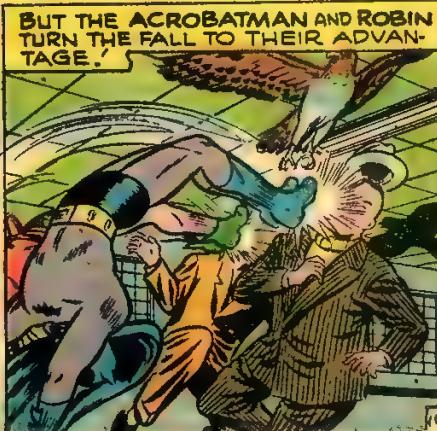
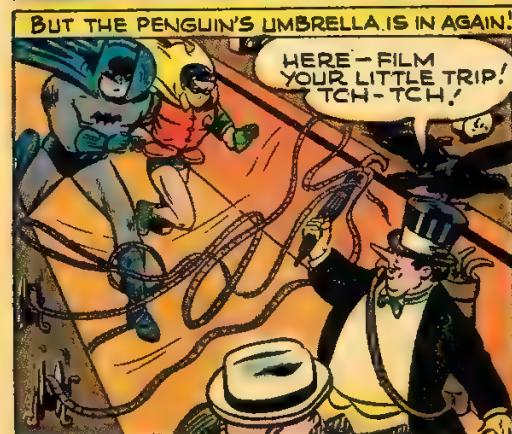
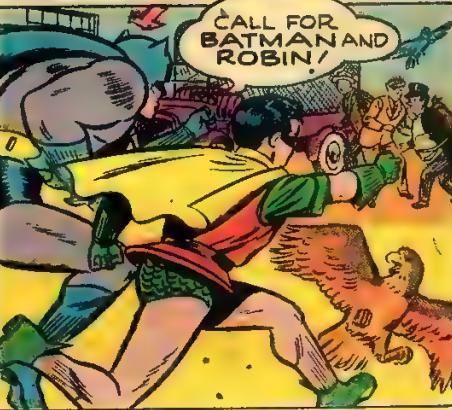
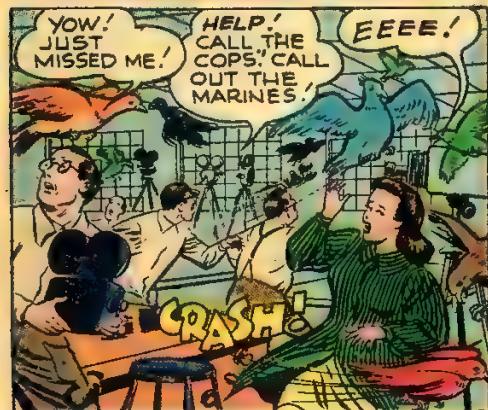
INSIDE...

WHAT ARE WE
GONNA STEAL?
CAMERAS?

SOMETHING MORE
PRECIOUS
THAN THAT SILVER!



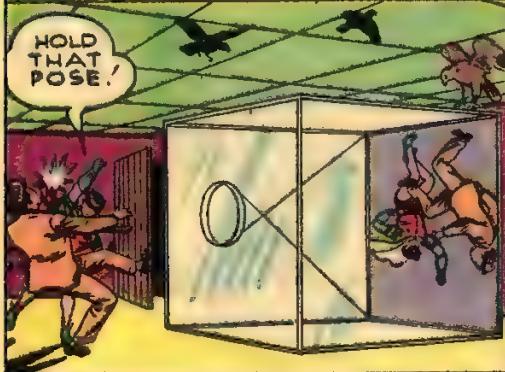
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BEFORE A GLASS DISPLAY CAMERA, ROBIN MAKES A KNOCKOUT ACTION PICTURE...

HOLD THAT POSE!



VIEWED THROUGH THE LENS,
BATMAN'S FIST LOOKS
AS BIG AS IT FEELS
WHEN IT HITS YOU!



AH! THE BIRD IS ON
THE WING! HMM-M-
THESE FILM CANS.
LET'S SEE HOW
GOOD I AM AT
DISCUS
THROWING!



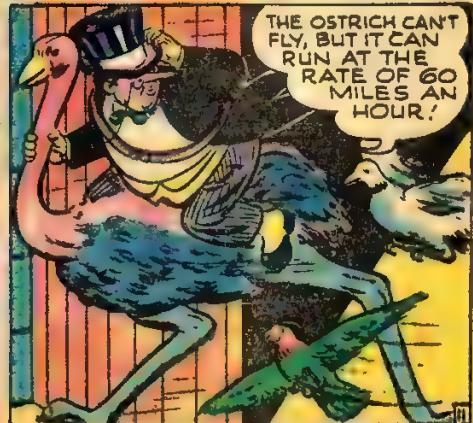
BROUGHT
HIM DOWN
JUST LIKE
A CLAY
PIGEON!

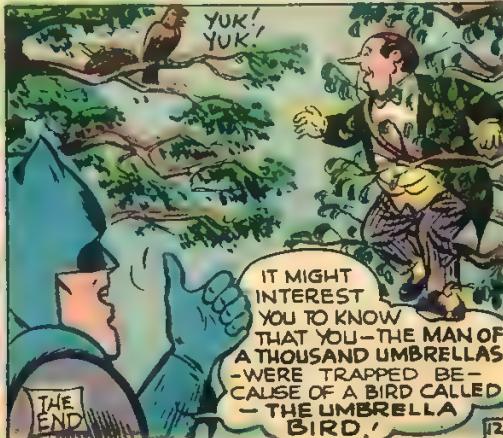
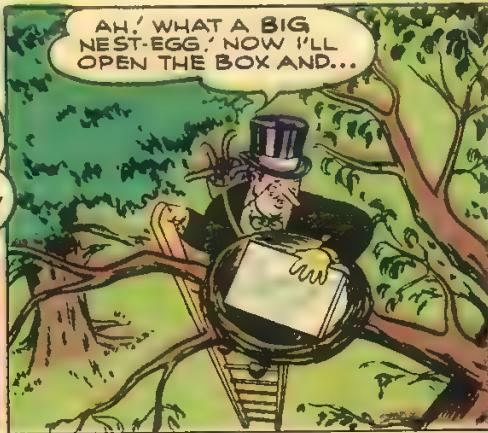


FINE FEATHERS
MAKE FINE BIRDS—
BUT THEY ALSO MAKE
FINE DARTS!



THE OSTRICH CAN'T
FLY, BUT IT CAN
RUN AT THE
RATE OF 60
MILES AN
HOUR!





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SLAM BRADLEY



SHORTY MORGAN
IS BELOW PAR IN
HEIGHT, BUT HE IS
WAY ABOVE PAR
WHEN IT COMES
TO GETTING INTO
TROUBLE... AND HE
USUALLY GETS HIS
PAL **SLAM BRADLEY**,
INTO THE MESS WITH
HIM! SO, THERE'S
TROUBLE GALORE
WHEN A TREACHER-
OUS TRIO TAKES
ADVANTAGE OF THE
SHORTCOMINGS OF
THE TINY MAN AS...

"**SHORTY
GROWS
UP!**"

OFF
DUTY,
AND
SPRUICING
UP, THE
HARD-
HITTING
DETECTIVE
DUO
GOES
SHOPPING

I NEED A
NEW
NECKTIE...
AND THESE
LOOK
GOOD...

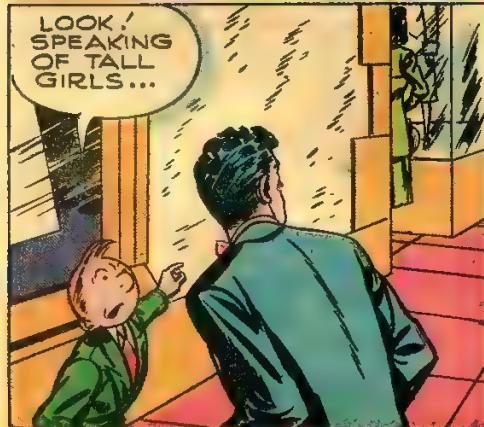
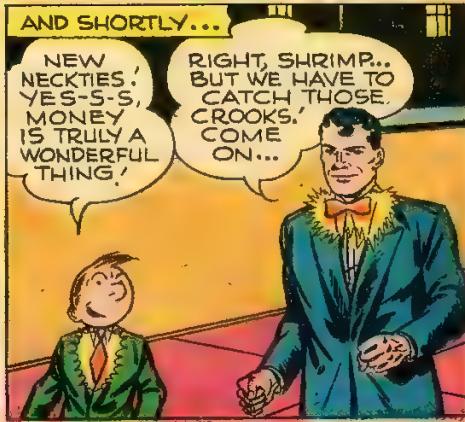
YOU AND ME
BOTH, MIDGET...
AND I CAN USE
SOME SHIRTS
AND SOCKS,
TOO...

WHERE'S
THE SALESMAN?
I SAY, WHAT'S
THAT
NOISE?

COME ON,
LET'S FIND
OUT!



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BUT SLAM AGREES WITH SHORTY THAT A VERY TALL, VEILED GIRL IS THEIR BEST CLUE. AND AS THEY SEARCH FOR HER...



I'M MARY LOU DUSEN... MY FATHER'S BANK WILL PAY FOR ANY DAMAGE! JUST SEND A BILL...

SHE WEARS A VEIL... SHE'S TALL... MAYBE SHE'S THE ONE.



SOMETHING ODD ABOUT THAT GIRL... I JUST CAN'T THINK WHAT IT IS.

SHE'S A BANKER'S DAUGHTER, THAT'S WHAT. AND YOU DON'T MEET BANKERS' DAUGHTERS EVERY DAY!



I'M GOING TO ASK HER FOR A DATE... AND FIND OUT WHY SHE WEARS A VEIL!

GOOD IDEA... BUT TALL GIRLS DON'T USUALLY GO OUT WITH SHORT STUFF LIKE YOU! BETTER DO SOME GROWING, HALF-PINT!



THIS WILL BRING ME UP TO HER LEVEL!

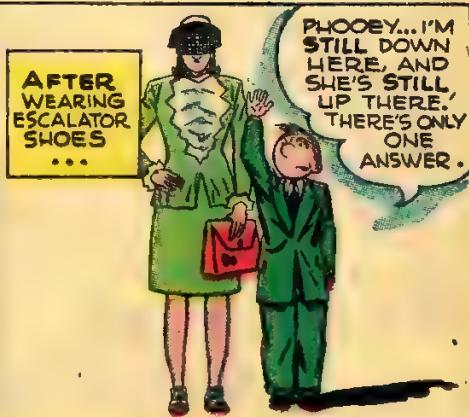
ESCALATOR SHOES

NOW YOU CAN BE TALLER THAN YOUR GIRL!

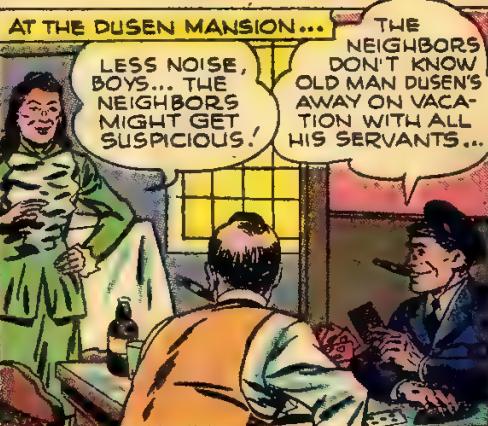




SEE THE DIFFERENCE?
BEFORE WEARING ESCALATOR SHOES...



LUCKY I'M A GOOD STILT-WALKER! NOW TO CALL HER UP!



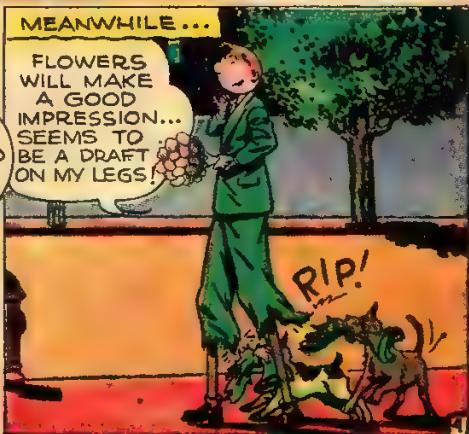
AND I'VE TOLD THE NEIGHBORS' SERVANTS THAT YOU'RE DUSEN'S DAUGHTER, HOME FROM A SCHOOL IN ENGLAND...

WHAT A SURPRISE FOR OLD MAN DUSEN WHEN HE GETS ALL THOSE BILLS FOR THE STUFF YOU'VE CHARGED TO HIM... AND WE'VE CLEANED UP PLENTY BY SELLING THE STUFF!



MEANWHILE...

FLOWERS WILL MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION... SEEMS TO BE A DRAFT ON MY LEGS!





THEN, SHORTY MAKES A PHONE CALL...

YES, THIS IS MARY LOU... MR. MORGAN?
OH, YES... COME
RIGHT OVER!

IT'S THE SAP I ALMOST
RAN DOWN... MAYBE
WE CAN USE HIM
AS A FALL GUY.

YES, IT'S A CROOKED SET-UP
SHORTY IS WALKING INTO.

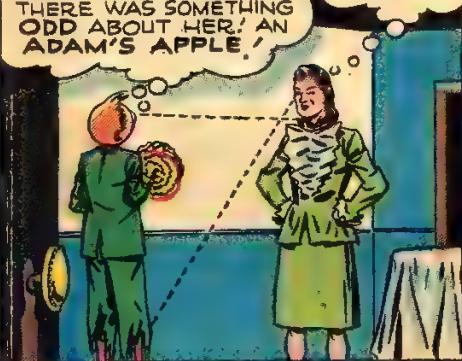
WHY, MARY LOU,
HOW BEAUTIFUL
YOU ARE!

THANK
YOU, MR.
MORGAN!



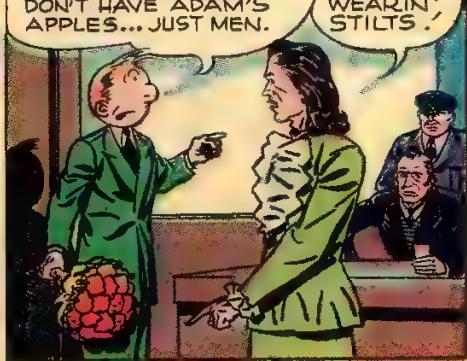
OH, OH... NOW I KNOW
WHY SLAM THOUGHT
THERE WAS SOMETHING
ODD ABOUT HER! AN
ADAM'S APPLE!

STILTS!
WHAT-?



YOU'VE GOT AN ADAM'S
APPLE... AND GIRLS
DON'T HAVE ADAM'S
APPLES... JUST MEN.

AND
YOU'RE
WEARIN'
STILTS!



I'LL BRING YOU
DOWN TO MY
LEVEL, YOU
PHONEY!

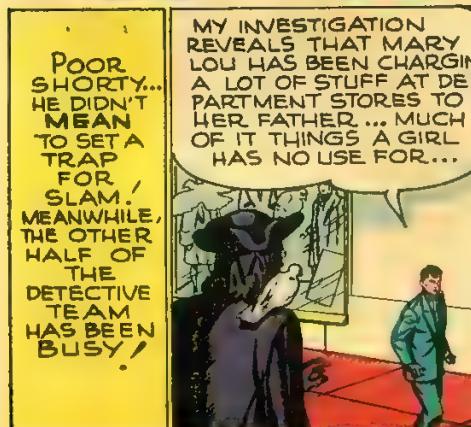
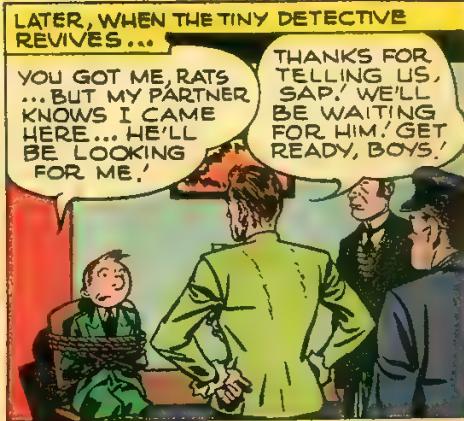
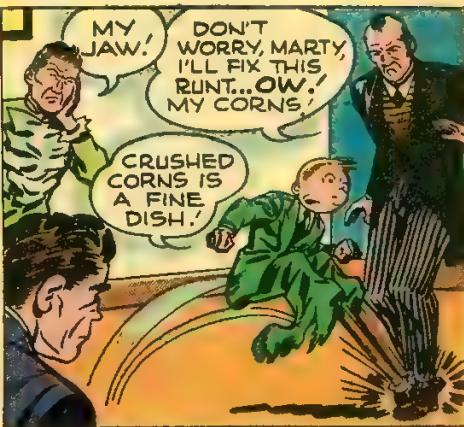
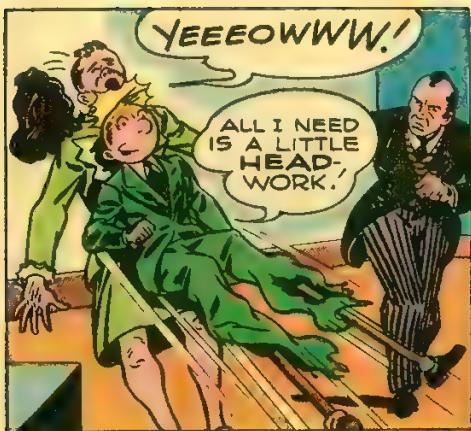
NOBODY CAN
BE THAT LOW...
OOOPS!



SHORT
OR NOT...
I CAN TAKE
CARE OF YOU,
FISH-FACE!

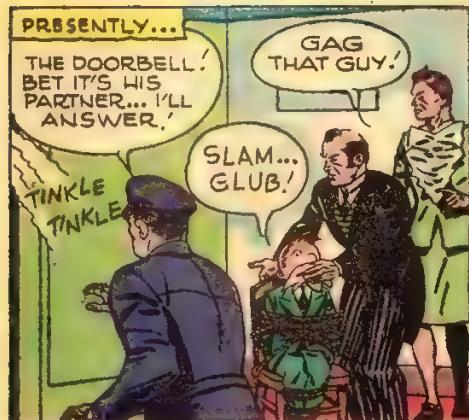
Y!!!!







PRESENTLY...

THE DOORBELL!
BET IT'S HIS
PARTNER... I'LL
ANSWER!SLAM...
GLUB!GAG
THAT GUY!DELIVERY
FROM
LACEY'S.OH! YES... THANKS...
I'LL TAKE THE
STUFF!TINKLE
TINKLESO SLAM'S WALKING INTO A TRAP, IS
HE? LOOK AGAIN! THIS IS SLAM.'THERE ARE THE FLOWERS SHORTY
BROUGHT... BUT WHERE IS
HE? SOMETHING
WRONG HERE...OKAY, DUMBBELL...
IF YOU WANT A
PARCEL - HERE
IT IS!

OOOFF!

QUITE A GATHERING
OF DUMBBELLS,
AND THAT INCLUDES
YOU, SHORT
STUFF!

OW-

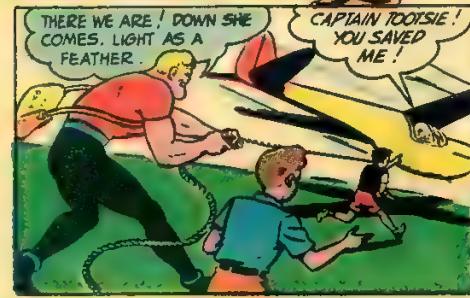
MY
HEAD!NOT A
BAD
IDEA...
REWARDING
US WITH
NEW SUITS!NOW IF BANKER
DUSEN WOULD
REWARD US WITH
A COUPLE OF
BANKS... BUT I
GUESS THAT'S
EXPECTING TOO
MUCH, SHORTY!

AND
YOUR
REWARD
FOR FOLLOWING
THE ANTICS
OF THE DIZZY
DETECTIVE
DUO -
SLAM
BRADLEY
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WILL BANISH ALL PAIN.'



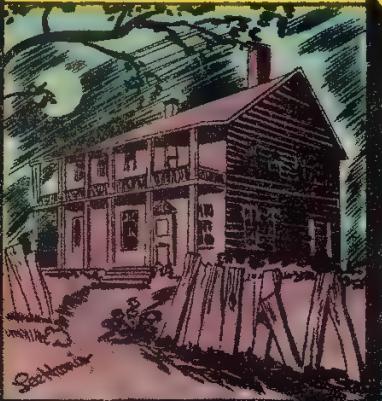
ON THE COVER OF
MORE FUN
COMICS
FOR EXAMPLE!
IT'S YOUR
GUARANTEE
OF THE BEST
IN ANY COMIC
MAGAZINE!



AIR WAVE



ALL AVON HAS CLAIMED FOR YEARS THAT THE CRUMBLING OLD CRAIG PLACE IS HAUNTED...



BUT
ONE
NIGHT...



AIR WAVE A SAFE-CRACKER!
AIR WAVE USING ALL HIS SKILL TO OPEN A BANK VAULT WHILE EAGER THIEVES POISE READY TO GATHER A GOLDEN HARVEST! IMPOSSIBLE, YOU SAY? YET, WITH A HUMAN LIFE—AND SOMETHING MORE—at stake, THE WIZARD OF WIRELESS FINDS NO CHOICE BUT TO PLAY HIS STRANGEST ROLE, A GRIM-FACED-
"SAFE-CRACKER & PROXY!"



TWO DAYS LATER, AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY JORDAN DRIVES PAST THE CRAIG PLACE ON HIS WAY TO A RESORT HOTEL ...

HAUNTED,
EH? ANY-
BODY EVER
SEE THIS
GHOST?

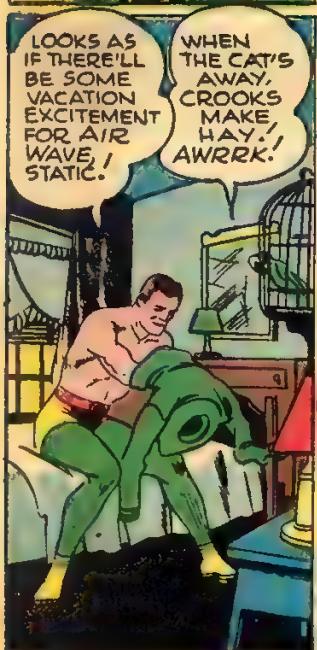


BUT IT IS NO GHOST THAT WAKES JORDAN THAT NIGHT...

A SHOT! AND
NOISE OF A FIGHT.
THERE'S TROUBLE
DOWNSTAIRS!



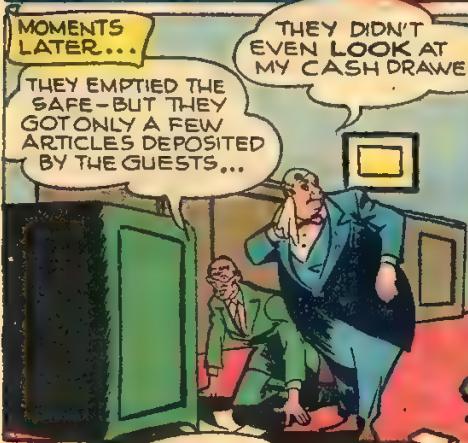
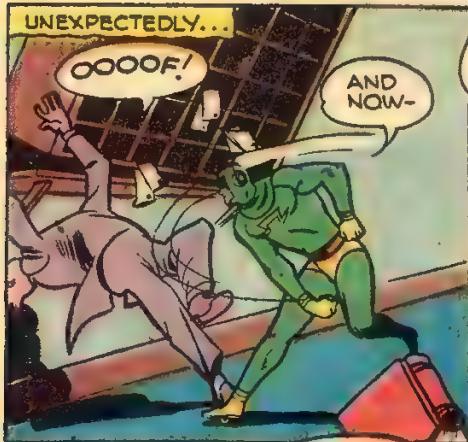
MOMENTS LATER,
DOWNSTAIRS...



WHEN
THE CAT'S
AWAY,
CROOKS
MAKE
HAY,
AWRRK!



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AND INSIDE THE HOUSE...

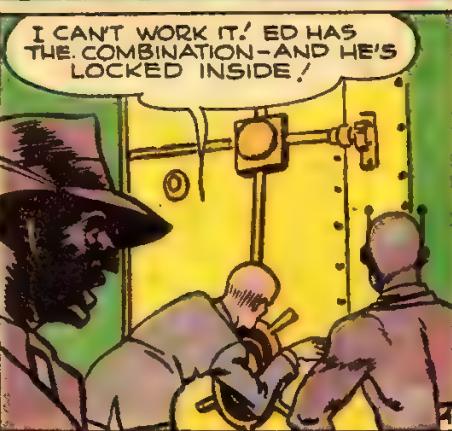
WE'RE GETTIN'
OUT OF THIS TOWN!
WITH AIR WAVE
AROUND, IT'S
TOO HOT!

WE'VE GOT THE COM-
BINATION OF THE HOTEL
SAFE, SO LET'S ROB
THE BANK TONIGHT,
THEN SCRAM!

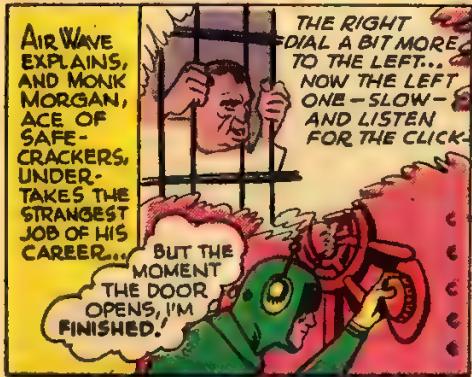
SHORTLY...

- RIGHT 42,
LEFT 12 -

OPENIN' SAFES IS
A CINCH—WHEN
YOU GOT THE
COMBINATION!



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THEY'RE LOOTING THE SAFE! BUT IF I CAN REACH THAT METAL COAT HANGER WITH A POWER BROADCAST-

AIR WAVE BROADCASTS; AND THE COAT RISES FROM THE TREE, HANGS IN THE AIR...

THAT DOES IT! NOW THE CAP...

AND AS STATIC GRAPS THE IDEA...

ATTABIRD, STATIC! NOW A BROADCAST TO ONE OF THOSE SHIELDS AS THEY COME OUT OF THE SAFE...

UP WITH YOUR MITTS! I'VE GOT YOU COVERED!

A COP!

NOT A COP, MUGS—
JUST ANOTHER GHOST
COME TO PLAY WITH YOU!

I'LL TAKE MY MEDICINE, AIR WAVE—BUT WHAT YOU DID TAUGHT ME A LESSON!
I'M DONE WITH CRIME!

GOOD! THEN SAVING YOUR LIFE WAS WORTHWHILE!

A WISE YOUNGSTER AND HIS CROOKED PALS ARE SOON PARTED!

CONK

MINUTES LATER...

Tune in
ON
DANGER
EVERY
MONTH
WITH

AIR
WAVE
in

Detective
COMICS

*Two of America's
most famous boys!*



ROBIN

- THE BOY WONDER -

TWO-FISTED ACTION-PAL
OF FAMOUS, HARD-HITTING

BATMAN
NOW ON HIS OWN
IN SINGLE-HANDED COMBAT
AGAINST THE UNDERWORLD!

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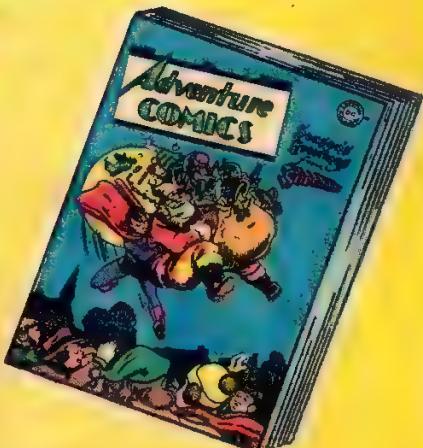
- AND

SUPERBOY

- THE THRILLING, ACTION-
PACKED STORY OF

SUPERMAN,
WHEN HE WAS A BOY!

*IN EVERY GREAT ISSUE OF
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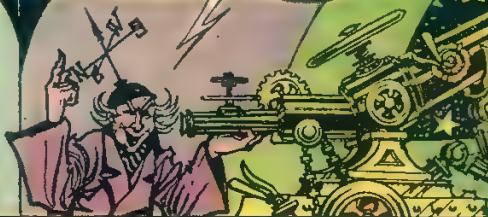
PROF. DIDDY



FULL-TIME ASTROLOGER AND WANDERING MINSTREL OF THE SKYWAYS, WHOSE PREDICTIONS OF THINGS TO COME ARE PRE-DIGESTED, DE-HYDRATED, SUGAR-COATED, AND CHOCKFUL OF NUTS —

WITHIN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS, THE PLANET AQUARIUS WILL COME DIRECTLY UNDER THE STRONG INFLUENCE OF THE HOUSE OF TAURUS—THIS BETOKENS A SERIES OF STARTLING NEW INVENTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES THAT WILL UNSCRAMBLE MOST OF OUR PRESENT DAY MENTAL SOGGINESS — SO I PREDICT THAT—

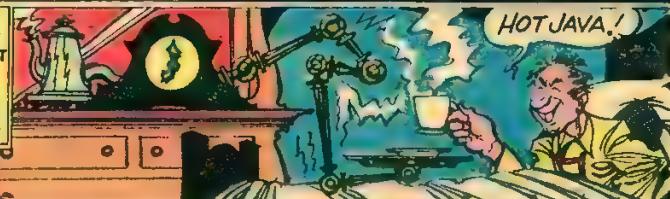
DOWN
ONLY



A NEWLY PERFECTED GADGET WILL BE INSERTED IN THE INNER TUBES OF YOUR CAR WHICH WILL CROON SWEET HARMONY EVERY TIME YOU GET A FLAT —



AN ELECTRIC CLOCK WITH A PERCOLATOR ATTACHMENT WILL SOON BE ON THE MARKET THAT WILL AUTOMATICALLY SERVE YOU YOUR BREAKFAST COFFEE IN BED AS SOON AS THE ALARM GOES OFF! —





A NEW INVISIBLE INK WILL SOON BE IN USE THAT WILL BE SO PERFECTLY BLENDED THAT EVEN THE WRITER HIMSELF WILL NEVER AGAIN KNOW WHAT HE WROTE IN THE FIRST PLACE!

AND LOW-PRICED PREFABRICATED HOUSES WILL BE SOLD IN SECTIONS, AN EXTRA ROOM WHENEVER YOU NEED IT!

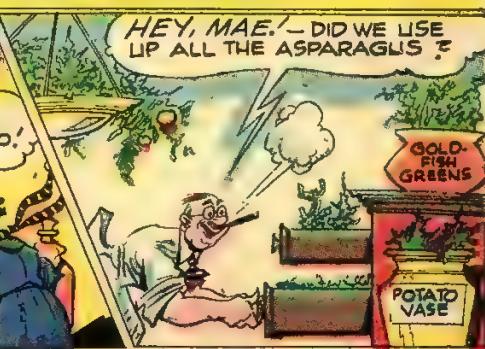
OH, BOY!—WOTTA SECRET!
NOTHIN' BUT NOTHIN'!!

THE KELLYS AND BROWNS ARE COMING OUT OVER THE WEEK-END!



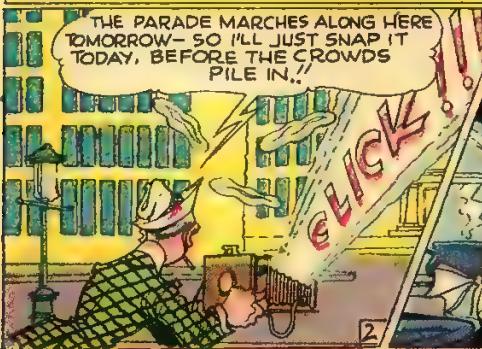
SOLAR HEAT TRAPS WILL CATCH THE TORRID TEMPERATURE OF AUGUST WHICH CAN THEN BE BOTTLED FOR HOME USE COME NEXT FEBRUARY.

INCREASED APPLICATION OF METHODS FOR GROWING VEGETABLES INDOORS IN CHEMICALLY TREATED LIQUIDS WILL SOON BE PROVIDING HUGE CROPS IN ANY FURNISHED ROOM.



WITH THE USE OF FASTER CAMBRA LENSES AND A NEW SECRET SUPERSENSITIVE PHOTO FILM, FOLKS WILL BE ABLE TO SNAP THE PICTURE OF AN EVENT 24 HOURS BEFORE IT EVEN HAPPENS!

AND A NEW ELECTRONIC GADGET WILL SOON BE IN USE THAT WILL AGE ANY LIQUID AT LEAST 45 YEARS—IN LESS THAN 6 MINUTES —



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JERRY THE JITTERBUG

WE'LL PICK UP SOME MONEY
SHOVELING SNOW - FIRST WE
CLEAN UP SOMEONE'S
WALK -

-- THEN WE RING THE BELL AND
SHOW 'EM THE SWELL
JOB WE DID - AND
PRESTO -
MONEY!

OH MY ACHING
BACK --

WELL, WE'RE ALMOST
FINISHED !

WHOW,
I'M ALL
IN !

WHAT A JOB ! NOW
TO COLLECT !

CLOSED
AWAY FOR
WINTER

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TUNE OF DEATH

by Stan Carter

BIG AUGIE broke out the machine-guns. He handed one apiece to Gat Gerz and Charlie the Rod. "I'm going with you guys," he said, "to make sure we rub out this stool pigeon."

He was referring to Dan Walter. Two days earlier Dan Walter had cracked under grilling and revealed that Big Augie and his two gunmen had pulled off the First National Bank stickup. Right now Big Augie and the boys were out on bail.

Big Augie was worried. A guy with a three time rap and a fourth coming up has every right to be. "The only thing in our favor," Big Augie said to the boys now, "is that those dumb cops didn't put any protection around Dan Walter."

"Maybe Dan didn't want it, Augie," said Charlie the Rod. He grinned. "It wouldn't have done him any good anyway. We'd get to him."

Big Augie smiled evilly. "He's meeting his girl, Millie, after the show at the Bijou tonight. Outside the stage door." He looked at his watch. "And I think maybe we'd better be going now fellows."

Big Augie was very happy as the black sedan purred toward the back of the vaudeville theatre. Dan Walter wouldn't have his mob around. He thought no one knew about Millie. In that he was wrong. Big Augie knew—too much.

They parked the car around the corner from the Bijou and, to passersby, they were just musicians carrying violin cases. The tune they were about to play would be one of death, though.

In the darkness of the theatre alley they huddled against the wall, awaiting their prey. In a few moments a sleek yellow roadster, with the top down, pulled up.

The trio took out the guns. Suddenly, Big Augie stiffened. "Wait a minute fellows," he said. "Someone's coming out. We don't want any witnesses."

No, this thing had to go off with split second precision. No witnesses. A blast of flame. Then retreat. Get into the car and away to the hideout. He'd come back, with the boys, at the time set for trial. But there would be a vital witness missing. He'd be dead.

The man who came out walked down the street and was lost in the shadows. Big Augie grinned again as a burly man stepped from the roadster; Dan Walter.

The trio stole along, hidden in shadows. "You'd better watch the entrance to this alley, Charlie," said Big Augie. "Gat and I will do the job."

Charlie the Rod snaked his way along.

The next instant there was a burst of machine-gun fire and Dan Walter slumped to the street.

"C'mon, Charlie," yelled Gat. "Let's get going." He raced toward the car.

"Hey, what's this?" Big Augie yelled. For Charlie the Rod was pushing a man into the car. He was the one who had been on the stagedoor steps a few moments earlier. The man looked plenty scared.

"He saw the whole thing," Charlie the Rod said. "I saw him coming back."

"I—I—for got something," the man quavered. "Honest, I—I—didn't see anything."

"We ain't taking no chances on you," Big Augie growled.

"Let him have it, Boss," said Charlie the Rod from the back of the speeding car.

"Not here. We'll take him along and give it to him later."

Charlie the Rod chuckled. "The guy fainted, Big Augie."

Their prisoner didn't revive until the trio had carried him into the house some twenty-five miles out on Long Island.

It was one of Big Augie's pet hideouts. A town nearby offered all the supplies they would need. Big Augie intended to hole up here until the trial. But now this witness complicated matters. He glowered at the frightened captive who cowered, white-faced, in a chair.

"Too bad, buddy, you had to butt in," Big Augie growled. "What's your name?"

"Smart. Professor Smart, they call me," the man said shakily. "I—"

Charlie the Rod guffawed. "For a professor you wasn't so smart!" he hooted. "You should of stayed out of that alley."

Big Augie growled at his henchman. "That'll be enough, Charlie," he warned. "Just you keep an eye on this bird until me and Gat get back. We're going to pick up some food. Then we'll take care of this punk."

Perspiration broke out on Smart's face. He licked his lips nervously. His eyes were frightened as he saw the pair go out. Then he said to Charlie the Rod: "You mean they're going to kill me?"

"That's right," said Charlie the Rod. He drew a chair up to a table, took out a deck of cards. "You play?"

The man shook his head. Then, suddenly he stiffened. He was studying Charlie intently. "Mind if I watch?"

Charlie didn't. He was busy with his solitaire game. The man drew up a chair. His fingers toyed nervously with a piece of bright metal which flashed beneath the table light. Charlie looked at it suspiciously. "What's that?"

"Nothing. I do tricks with it," Smart said. "See." He spun it rapidly. Charlie was fascinated. "Say, maybe you can show that to me?"

"Sure," Smart said. "You just keep your eyes on it." His bright eyes watched Charlie. "The main thing is complete concentration." He seemed now to be over his early fear and his voice was smooth and persuasive as he kept up a running conversation with Charlie. Sweat poured from his brow, but he continued talking. And Charlie continued staring until suddenly his head drooped, his eyes closed. Charlie was fast asleep.

Quickly, Smart got to his feet, took Charlie's gun and ran from the house. On the highway he got a lift. You'd think a man so scared would have gone right back to New York. But he didn't. He stopped at a place in town.

Meanwhile, Big Augie and Gat were concluding their shopping trip. Half hour later they headed back. "I hope that guy tried something with Charlie the Rod," Big Augie said. "Then Charlie would bump him and save us the trouble." The lights were burning brightly in the house. Arms filled with packages, the two men entered the room.

"Hey, look," cried Gat. "Charlie's asleep, and that Smart guy's gone!"

Big Augie dropped the packages. "Gone!"

"No, I'm not. I'm here." Smart stepped into the room, smiling.

Big Augie's face went white. The town sheriff stood there, a gun in his hand. Smart had one, also.

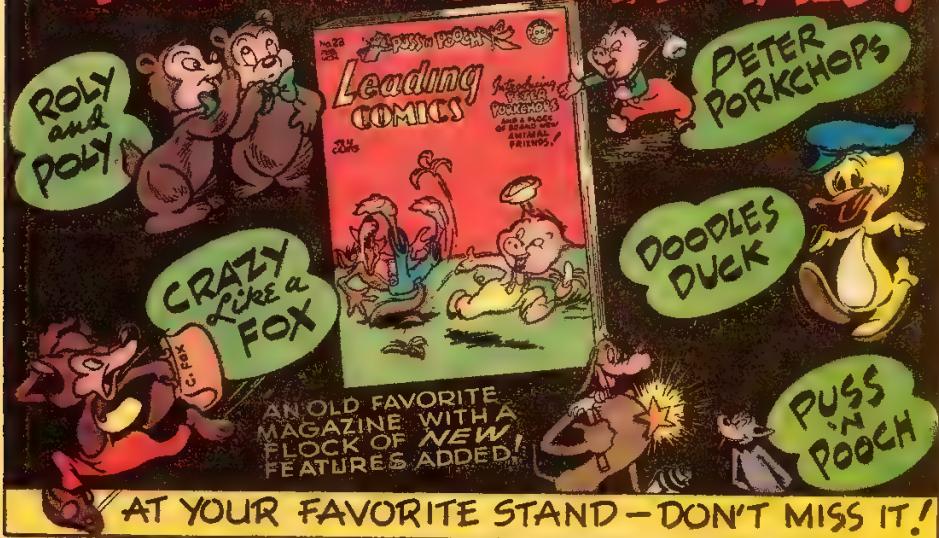
"Let's go," the sheriff said. "I think maybe the FBI will be interested in you fellows, too. You can't go around kidnaping the world's best hypnotist." He chuckled. "You'd better wake that other guy up from his sleep, Professor," he said. "Just wait'll the newspapers get this story!"

Professor Smart smiled. "I was wondering what I could do for a publicity stunt, too, Sheriff," he said, slapping Charlie's face. "Get up, wise guy. You can sleep in a nice roomy cell tonight!"

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BRAND NEW ANIMAL PALS!





The BOY COMMANDOS

"TWAS DA NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS,
AN' IN DA 'BIG HOUSE,' A CREATURE,
WUZ STRONN' AN' IT WUZNT A
MOUSE... IT WUZ A RAT NAMED
SLUGGER O'KEEFE!."

Bronklyn

CHRISTMAS... SEASON OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP AND BROTHERLY LOVE... OF JOYOUS CAROLS AND GIFT EXCHANGE. BUT IN ONE HOME THERE IS ONLY LONELINESS AND DREARY DISILLUSION, BECAUSE AN INNOCENT MAN IS DEPRIVED OF HIS FREEDOM AND LOVED ONES BY A VICTIOUS FRAME-UP. AND ON CHRISTMAS EVE THE BOY COMMANDOS SEEK TO RIGHT A WRONG AND LEAVE THE WORLD OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL TO STALK THE FORCES OF EVIL WHO STAGE A BREAK FROM THE BIG HOUSE IN...

"The FIGHT
BEFORE CHRISTMAS"



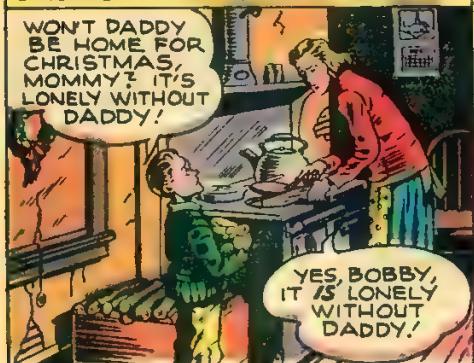
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IT'S THE NIGHT OF DEC. 24TH... CHRISTMAS EVE, IT'S THE TIME FOR REJOICING; THE SEASON OF PEACE ON EARTH—GOOD WILL TOWARD ALL MEN / AND THROUGH THE SNOW-FLADED AIR, DRIFTS THE SOUND OF VOICES SINGING JOYOUS CAROLS.



BUT THERE IS NO LAUGHTER, NO JOY, NO SINGING IN THE ROBBINS HOME...

WON'T DADDY BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS, MOMMY? IT'S LONELY WITHOUT DADDY!

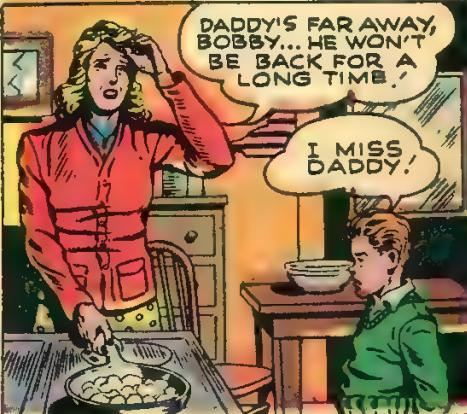


MEANWHILE, BERT ROBBINS' CHRISTMAS EVE IS ALSO A SAD ONE—AT THE STATE PEN.



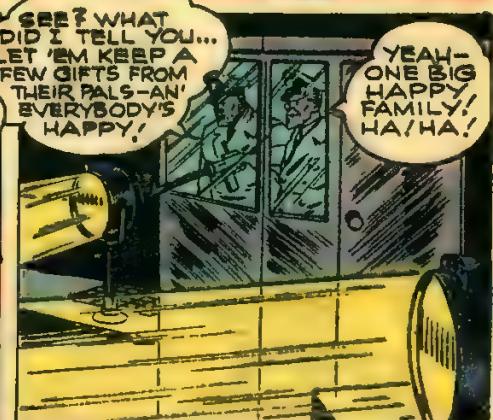
DADDY'S FAR AWAY, BOBBY... HE WON'T BE BACK FOR A LONG TIME.

I MISS DADDY.



WHAT'S TH MATTER, ROBBINS? CHEER UP—HERE'S A PRESENT FOR YA! MERRY CHRISTMAS!









AS GRENADES, DISGUISED AS TOYS, GO INTO ACTION...

SOUND THE ALARM!
THEY TRICKED US! IT'S A
BREAK!



OKAY, BOYS! WRAP
THESE CHEMICAL-SOAKED
GIFT WRAPPIN'S AROUND
YER FACES!



NOW TOSS DA
CHRISTMAS TREE'S
ELECTRIC BULBS!
HA, HA, AINT
COPPERS DUMB!

LOOK OUT!
THOSE LIGHT
BULBS ARE
ILLED WITH
TEAR GAS.



ALL RIGHT, PAUL JONES! WE'RE
TAKIN' OVER THIS BATH TUB! POINT
HER UPSTREAM! WE AIN'T GOIN'
TO DA "ROCK" DIS TIME!

LATER, A RADIO PROGRAM IS INTERRUPTED BY A NEWS FLASH...

BERT!
BERT! OH,
I HOPE
YOU'RE NOT
WITH THEM!

- AND THE
CONVICTS
ESCAPED
INTO THE
HILLS -

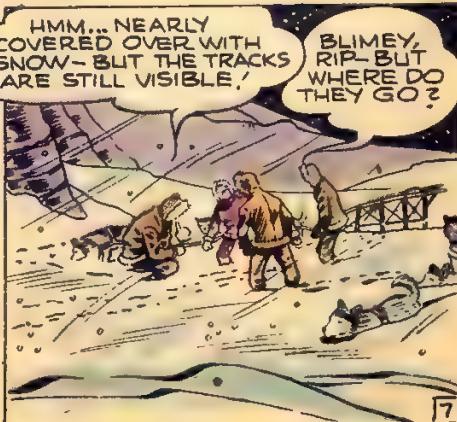
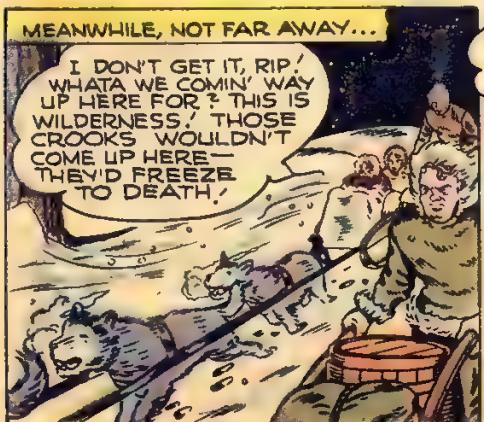
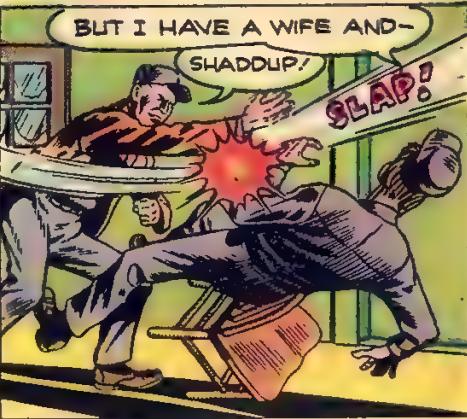
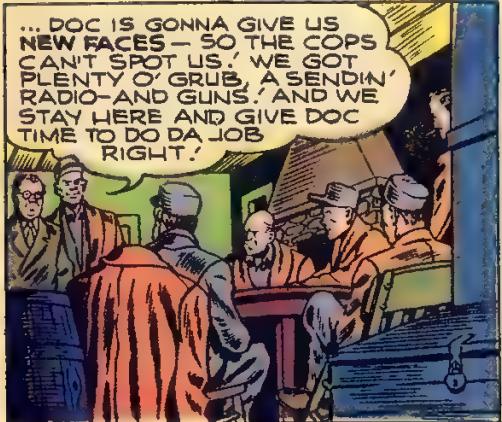
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BREAK!



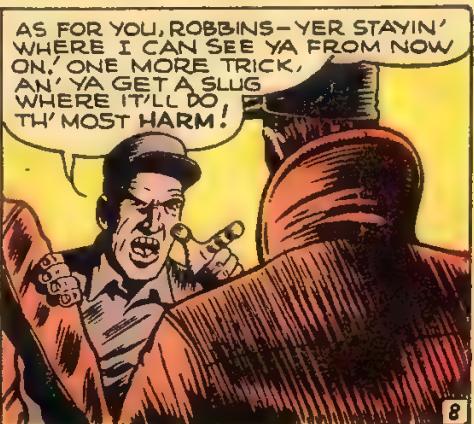
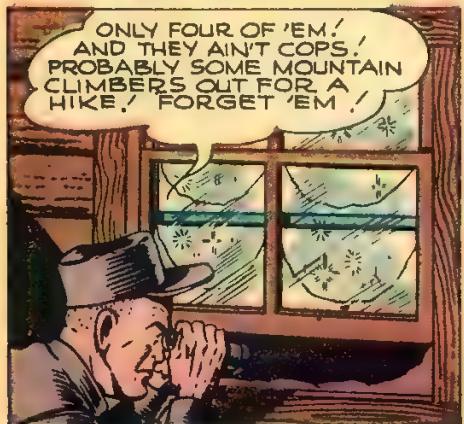
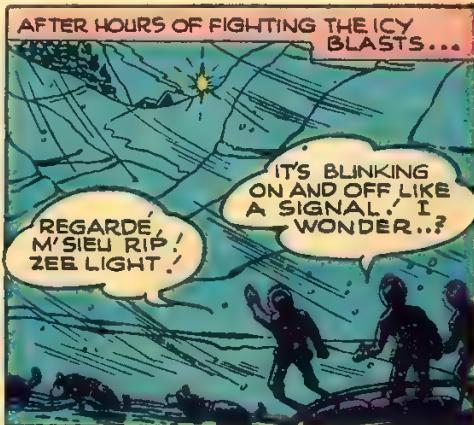
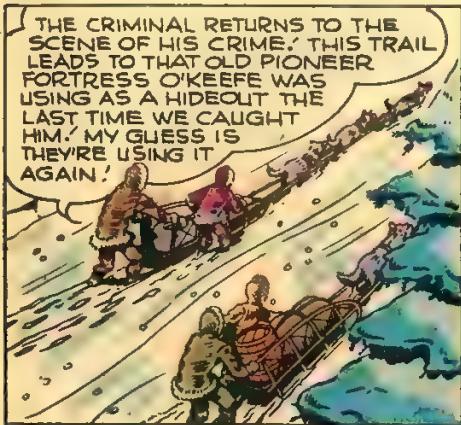
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AFTER CIRCLING THE HILL, TO APPROACH THE FORTRESS FROM THE REAR, RIP OUTLINES HIS PLAN....

BROOKLYN AND ALFY, YOU TAKE THE SLED AND SOME ROPE, AND GET AS CLOSE TO THE FORT AS POSSIBLE! THEN WAIT FOR MY SIGNAL!

ANDRE AND I WILL GO TO THE SLOPE ABOVE THE HIDEOUT! GOT IT?

RIGHT!

CHECK!

MAIS OUI!

S'LONG, RIP-
ANDRE! SEE YOUSE
AT DA TOIKEY
DINNER!

C'MON, ALFY!
LET'S GIT DIS JOB
OVER WIT! I WANNA
GO HOME AND OPEN
DA CHRISTMAS
PRESENTS!

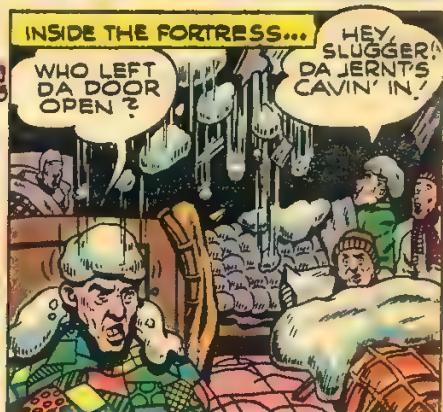
JUST OUTSIDE THE FORT, BROOKLYN AND ALFY ROLL A BARREL INTO POSITION. THEN...

PSSST, ALFY! ALL'S QUIET INSIDE.
MEBBE DEY'RE SLEEPIN'!

WAIT'LL THEY HIT THIS H'ICE!

AND UP ABOVE THE FORTRESS...

BROOKLYN IS WAVING! THAT MEANS THE ICE IS READY! LET'S GO, ANDRE!





WITH THE INITIAL ASSAULT A SUCCESS,
RIP AND ANDRE LAUNCH THEIR PARA-
CHUTE ATTACK—A LA COMMANDO...



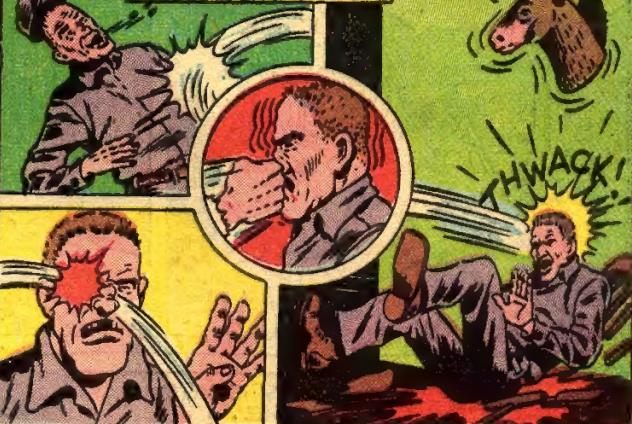
MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE FORT...

YER THE RAT THAT
SIGNALED 'EM! I'LL KILL
YA, ROBBINS! KILL YA!
YA'LL NEVER PROVE
YA WERE FRAMED
NOW!

I HEARD THAT,
SLUGGER! TURN
HIM LOOSE!



SO, YOU CAN
DISH IT OUT,
BUT YOU CAN'T
TAKE IT,
SLUGGER!
IT'S ABOUT
TIME YOU GOT
A DOSE OF
YOUR OWN
POISON!



IT'S ALL OVER, BERT!
WE'RE TAKING YOU
BACK WITH US!

CHEE, RIP!
SLUGGER LOOKS
LIKE A STUFFED
ANIMAL!



WE'VE RADIOED THE
POLICE, BERT, AND
YOU'RE IN OUR
CUSTODY UNTIL
FURTHER ORDERS!
O'KEEFE AND HIS
GANG WILL STAY
TIED UP HERE
UNTIL THE
LAW ARRIVES!



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LATER, AT THE ROBBINS HOME...

NOW, WHO COULD THAT BE?
NOBODY'S VISITED US SINCE
BERT WENT TO JAIL!

KNOCK!
KNOCK!
KNOCK!

O



HELLO, HONEY!
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

OH, BERT! BERT!
(SOB SOB) BERT!
YOU DID COME
BACK!



YES, IT'S A REAL MERRY CHRISTMAS
AT THE ROBBINS HOME...

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY 1947 TO ALL!
From RIP CARTER, THE BOY COMMANDOS AND THE ROBBINS FAMILY!

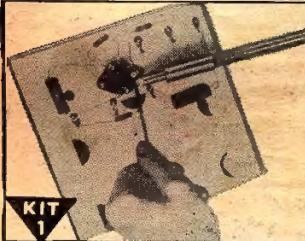


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*I Send You
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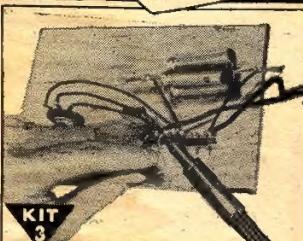
KIT 1

I send you Soldering Equipment and Radio Parts; show you how to do Radio soldering; how to mount and connect Radio parts; give you practical experience.



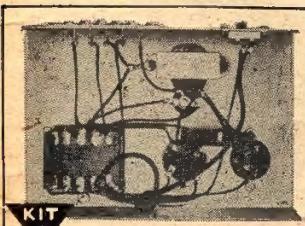
KIT 2

Early in my Course I show you how to build this N.R.I. Tester with parts I send. It soon helps you fix neighborhood Radios and earn EXTRA money in spare time.



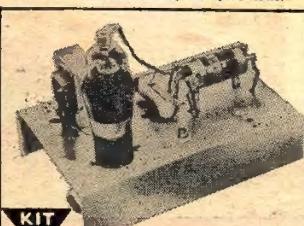
KIT 3

You get parts to build Radio Circuits; then test them; see how they work; learn how to design special circuits; how to locate and repair circuit defects.



KIT 4

You get parts to build this Vacuum Tube Power Pack; make changes which give you experience with packs of many kinds; learn to correct power pack troubles.



KIT 5

Building this A. M. Signal Generator gives you more valuable experience. It provides amplitude-modulated signals for many tests and experiments.



KIT 6

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